

AGENDA ITEM: Instructional Days Amendment (temporary) – Arizona School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc.

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**Issue**

On July 22, Arizona School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. (SIATech), a non-profit entity, requested to change the instructional calendar from 200 days to 180 days for the 2013-2014 school year only to allow time to open a new facility.

**Summary of Narrative Provided**

*Rationale for change in Instructional Days*

The narrative indicates that SIATech is requesting a one-year change in the calendar to accommodate the opening of a new location. Submitted minutes indicate that formerly, SIATech sites were co-located with Job Corps sites, which were only open to Job Corps members. SIATech was required to be open enrollment to all. This led to the closure of the Tucson site and relocation of the Phoenix site. The new Phoenix facility will not be ready until September. The scheduled first day is September 12, 2013.

*Supporting Information*

Instructional schedules and calendar submitted with the request show that SIA Tech meets statutory requirements for instructional hours. Staff has confirmed the new calendar has been submitted to ADE Common Logon LEA calendars. This request was submitted with a School Site Location Notification, showing the new address as 1145 East Washington Street in Phoenix.

**Background**

SIATech was granted a charter in 2001. It operates 1 school: School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (serves grades 11-12 in Phoenix since 2003). A campus in Tucson was closed at the end of FY 2013. The current enrollment cap is 600. According to ADE, the 100th day ADM for fiscal year 2013 was 266, and estimated enrollment for FY 2014 is 85.

**Eligibility**

As stated in Board policy, prior to a request being considered by the Board, staff conducts an academic eligibility and compliance check as part of the amendment approval process. Based on 2012 academic data, SIA Tech did not meet Board's academic performance expectations (Overall Rating = 56.25) and received a 2013 A-F letter grade of NR.

As the request was for a temporary change only, the charter holder was not required to submit a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress.

**Board Options**

1. Approve the amendment request for Arizona School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. Staff recommends the following language for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the request to change the contracted instructional days of the charter held by Arizona School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. from 200 to 180 for fiscal year 2014 only.
2. Deny the amendment request for Arizona School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. The following language is provided for consideration: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board deny the request to change the contracted instructional days of the charter held by Arizona School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. from 200 to 180 for fiscal year 2014 only, for the following reasons: (Board member must specify reasons the Board found during its consideration.)

# Instructional Days Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

**Name:**  
Arizona School for Integrated  
Academics and Technologies,  
Inc.

**CTDS:**  
07-89-22-000

**Mailing Address:**  
217 Escondido Avenue  
Suite 7  
Vista, CA 92084  
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### Representative

**Name:**  
Mike Hadjiaghai

**Phone Number:**  
858-775-3811

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## Contractual Days

200

**To**  
180

**Fiscal Year Effective Date**  
July 2013 - June 2014

**Type of Change**  
Temporary Change (possibly due to unforeseen circumstances)

## Attachment

**Board Minutes** —  [Download File](#)

**School Calendar** —  [Download File](#)

**Daily Instructional Schedule** —  [Download File](#)

**Narrative** —  [Download File](#)

**Additional Information\***  
No documents were uploaded.

## Signature

**Charter Representative Signature**  
Mike Hadjiaghai 07/22/2013

**ARIZONA SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**("AZ SIATech")**

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**July 12, 2013 @ 12:00 p.m.**

**Phoenix Job Corps Center**

**OPENING & CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Quorum Established:</b>	<b>Current Members Present:</b>	<u>Via phone</u> <u>Via phone</u> <u>Via phone</u> <u>X</u> <u>X</u>	Sampson, President Halfaker, Vice President Meyer, Secretary Cameron, Member McIntier, Member
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**Others present:** Nicole Biggs  
**Via Telephone:** Gerry Baumann, Linda Dawson, Mike Hadjiaghai, Larrie Hall, Lin Miller, Laurie Pianka, Linda Scott

**Call to Order:** President, Bernadette Sampson, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and confirmed a quorum was present.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**For Approval:**

- a. Approve Regular Meeting Agenda: **July 12, 2013**  
***A motion was made by Susan Cameron and seconded by Dave Meyer that all items on the above Consent Agenda be approved as presented.***

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Comments from the public on agenda items or another topic that lies within Board jurisdiction.  
*None.*

**III. BOARD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approve school site closure**  
Bernadette Sampson confirmed with board members that they each received the letter form Attorney, Jill Osborne.
- The Tucson site will be closed for the foreseeable future. Since we are at the Job Corps Center, we are unable to offer enrollment to all students. This is in violation of charter law (must follow open access rules from the state). At this time, we don't have another property to re-locate to. We will have the option of re-opening a program in Tucson in the future as our charter will remain intact. We have one charter in Arizona with two schools (one state number and two school numbers). The closing of the Tucson site will not affect the Phoenix program – Phoenix will still be covered under the existing charter.
  - We will move ahead with a new a facility in Phoenix (off the Job Corps site). The opening will be extended to September to prepare the new facility for opening.
    - Property has been identified; Dr. Hall stated that we are close to finalizing the negotiations. As soon as they are complete, another board meeting will be scheduled. *(Note: Board approved moving forward with a new site at the May 22, 2013 board meeting).*
  - Budget – will work if we can make enrollment numbers (225) between September 1<sup>st</sup> and the close of the school year.

- Attorney, Jill Osborne, has been guiding us through every step of the process for the school site closure.
- Lin Miller, Executive Director of Personnel Support Services, notified staff of the Tucson site closure; letters were also sent. Attorney Jill Osborne recently updated employment letters to ensure that the language meets current laws; letters are employer friendly.
  - Pay staff through July 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Benefits are in effect through July 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Staff will be eligible for Prop 301, Part 2 monies on August 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Providing references
- Job Corps has been notified about the site closure
- Gerry Baumann & Laurie Pianka will be on campus to answer any questions students may have. Tucson also has an on-line option for students.

b. **Approve** to Amend Instructional Days from 200 to 180 for School Year 2013-14  
The instructional days for the Phoenix site will be amended from 200 to 180 to allow sufficient time for the opening.

***With a motion from Susan Cameron and a second by Dave Meyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the school site closure at Tucson and to approve amending the instructional days from 200 to 180.***

***Vote:                   Ayes: 5                   Noes: 0                   Abstentions: 0***

***Note: A copy of these minutes will be sent to the State Board for Charter Schools along with the appropriate notification amendment forms.***

- c. Next board meeting(s): To be determined  
Items which may be included on the Agenda:
- i. Standard reports – Superintendent’s, Principal’s and Financial
  - ii. Approve Lease for AZ SIATech Phoenix Annex
  - iii. Approve 2013-14 Pay for Performance 301 Plan

**IV. REMARKS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Principal, Nicole Biggs, stated that students are looking forward to continued service from SIATech at their new location
- Laurie Pianka thanked the Board for their support. She also stated that students are excited about resuming their education with SIATech when the school begins.
- Gerry Bauman shared that Carl Rosborough, Tucson Center Director, is sad to see SIATech leave the center. She stated that she will send students our way when we re-open a program in Tucson. Gerry will be attending Workforce Investment Board (WIB) meetings with Ms. Rosborough. The WIB has a vested interest in work force development and also may be interested in partnering with charter schools.
- Board President, Bernadette Sampson, expressed appreciation for all that SIATech is doing to continue to serve students. She further stated that she supports the opening of the new Phoenix location.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

*Recorder of Minutes: Linda Scott*

**Change to a 180-Day Calendar**

*SIATech Phoenix (The school CTDS is 078922201; Entity ID 79450)*

The Arizona SIATech Board of Directors has approved the school's instructional year calendar to be changed from its current 200 days to 180 days in order to allow sufficient time for the preparation of its new school facility in Phoenix for the start of school in September. This change request is for the 2013-14 school year only. A calendar change request form was submitted to Jesse Manzo/ADE on July 19, 2013 and the calendar has been updated and activated in SAIS.